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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Claims 12-17, 19, 22, 24 and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Rairoux et al in view of Mourou et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-11, 23, and 26 is gratefully acknowledged. In order to expedite the allowance of the current application, independent claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 18, which was indicated as being allowable. In addition, independent claims 22 and 24 were similarly amended.

As a result, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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